

CATASTROPHE AT PEORIA.

Fatal Explosion of a Cooker in the
Corning Distilling Co.'s Plant.

Four Persons Killed, Several Injured and
the Establishment Put Out of
Business For a Time.

Peoria, Ill., Oct. 4.—An awful catastrophe occurred at the plant of the Corning Distilling Co., in the extreme south end of the city, at nine o'clock Saturday morning, when one of the cookers in the main building exploded with a deafening report, killing several of the employes, maiming many more and completely wrecking that portion of the distillery.

The Exploded Cooker.

The cooker is a steel contrivance about 20 feet in diameter and 80 feet in length, used in cooking the mash. It is presumed a vacuum was formed, and when the steam was turned on to cook the day's mash the explosion followed. The cooker was hurled through the north wall of the four-story structure, a distance of 250 feet. The entire north wall of the distillery was blown down, and the south and east walls were also badly damaged. The wreckage was distributed all over the neighborhood. The distillery management estimates their financial loss at fully \$75,000, and it will be some weeks before the plant can be repaired sufficiently to resume operations.

Thousands at the Scene.

Thousands of people quickly gathered at the scene to assist in the work of rescue. James McManus, an employe of the cooker room, was first removed from the wreck. He was dead, having been instantly killed. James O'Keefe was still alive when removed. He was badly burned all over his body by the scalding steam, and died a few minutes after his removal to the cottage hospital.

Neill Powell, the assistant engineer of the cooker room, was dead when taken out. George Schaeffer, a boy 16 years of age, was alive when taken out, but died on the way to the hospital. He was scalded all over his body. An unknown man has been taken to the hospital. He is in an unconscious condition, and there seems to be no hope of his recovery.

EX-SENATOR BUTLER INJURED

Hit by a Stone Thrown Through a
Pullman Car Window; Had
His Ear Nearly Cut Off.

Richmond, Va., Oct. 7.—Gen. M. C. Butler, of South Carolina, general of volunteers in the Spanish war and ex-United States senator from that state, was severely injured, Tuesday, while southbound on a Seaboard Air Line train near this city. A stone thrown through a Pullman window hit his head, inflicting a scalp wound and nearly cutting off his ear. A telegram was sent his physician in South Carolina, and the wound will be further attended there.

Monument For "Bill Nye."

Asheville, N. C., Oct. 3.—Citizens of Asheville will hold a mass meeting in a few days to raise funds for the erection of a monument to mark the graves of "Bill Nye" and his daughter in Calvary cemetery, three miles south of Asheville. The failure of two banks is said to have cost Mrs. Nye, the widow, the \$50,000 left by the humorist, and all she has left is the money derived from the sale of "Buck Shoals," the home of the humorist, near Asheville.

St. Louis Police Court Indicted.

St. Louis, Oct. 4.—Indictments for gambling were returned by the grand jury for gambling, Saturday, against John Glynn, Charles F. Campbell and William F. Timpike, patrolmen in the Ninth district; Michael Hogan, proprietor of an alleged gambling joint at Jefferson and Cass avenues, and Timothy Barry, said to be the banker of the game at that place.

Maj. Dennis Indicted.

St. Louis, Oct. 4.—In its final report to Judge Walter B. Douglas, Saturday the June grand jury returned five true bills against Maj. Hugh C. Dennis, president of the Rialto Grain and Securities Co., three for grand larceny, one for maintaining a bucket shop and the fifth for conspiring to defraud. In the latter Thos. B. Harlan is made a co-defendant.

Chance For Horse Breeders.

Washington, Oct. 4.—During the coming winter more than a thousand high grade cavalry horses will be purchased in St. Louis and the Mississippi valley for the use of the Eleventh cavalry. This is the direct result of the work of the general staff of the army in devising a new system for remounts.

Woman Killed by Automobile.

Detroit, Mich., Oct. 7.—An automobile driven by State Senator Frank B. Glazier, of Chelsea, this state, became unmanageable last night and crashed into a curb, its five occupants being thrown into the street. Mrs. Lucy T. Mudge was so severely injured that she died a short time after.

Two Men Killed by Lightning.

Kansas City, Mo., Oct. 7.—Lightning struck a tent in the Rock Island railroad camp at Eleventh street and Muncie boulevard, in Kansas City, Kas., during a violent storm last night, killed two men, injured five others and shocked all the other occupants of the tent, about fifteen in number.

Bicycle Heart Causes Death.

Salina, Kas., Oct. 3.—Miss Mamie Riding, aged 16 years, a senior in the Salina high school, died suddenly Thursday. The cause was given out by the attending physician as "bicycle heart," produced by excessive riding.

THE UNION JACK
IN BOSTON TOWN

It Was Guarded, Too, By British
Muskets Borne by Red-Coated
Britishers.

THE INVASION WAS PEACEFUL
AND THE GUNS WERE NOT LOADED.

The Honourable Artillery Company
of London Arrived On the May-
flower as the Guests of the An-
cient and Honourable Artillery
Company of Boston.

Boston, Oct. 3.—For the first time in many years the flag of England, guarded by British muskets, was borne through the streets of Boston Friday by the Honourable Artillery Company of London as special guests of a similar organization, the Ancient and Honourable Artillery Company of this city. Landing at Charleston, almost on the very spot where their ancestors started on their memorable attack on Bunker Hill, 128 years ago, the red-coats of the Twentieth century marched from their steamer, the Mayflower, over the bridge to Boston and then through streets resplendent with American and British flags, to the hotels which will be their homes during their sojourn in this city. For five days they will be entertained and then, after a week's tour which will include New York, Washington, Niagara Falls and Canada, they start back to their own shores.

Col. Sidney M. Hodges, commander of the Ancient and Honourable Artillery Company, and staff, boarded the Mayflower and welcomed the visitors through their commander, the earl of Denbigh. Adjt.-Gen. Dalton, in behalf of Gov. Bates, extended the official welcome of the commonwealth of Massachusetts.

As soon as the visitors had landed and had formed their lines the procession started.

After a march through the principal downtown streets and across Boston common, the parade was dismissed. The first of the entertainment accorded the visitors was a smoker in Faneuil hall Friday night.

WILL PLEAD NOT GUILTY.

Barrington Will Be Arraigned This
Morning on the Charge of Mur-
dering James P. McCann.

Clayton, Mo., Oct. 5.—Frederick Seymour Barrington, who was indicted for murder in the first degree by the St. Louis county grand jury Friday for the killing of James P. McCann at Bonfils June 18, will be arraigned in the Clayton circuit court this morning, and the date of his trial set. It is thought that an early date will be fixed for the hearing of the case. Barrington's attorneys will ask for a change of venue on the ground of alleged prejudice against their client in St. Louis county, but the prosecution is prepared to fight vigorously the application, and it is believed that Barrington will be tried in St. Louis county.

NO RACE SUICIDE THERE.

Mother, Daughter and Granddaughter
Present Husbands With
Twins On the Same Day.

New York, Oct. 4.—Mrs. John Beam, of Mitchellville, N. Y., 65 years old, has given birth to twins. Her daughter, who lives in the neighboring township, presented her husband with twins about the same hour. Before congratulations were finished Mrs. Beam's grand-daughter sent word that she had just become the mother of two healthy children.

ALL BUTCHERED BUT TEN

The Entire Christian Population of
Mehomia, Province of Seres,
Massacred September 28.

Sofia, Bulgaria, Oct. 3.—The Macedonian revolutionary headquarters assert that they have positive information that the whole Christian population of the town of Mehomia (Razlog) province of Seres, was massacred, September 28, with the exception of ten men, who escaped with the news. Mehomia is an important town and the seat of the local government. The population was about equally divided between Turks and Bulgarians. The latter numbered 3,200 persons.

Robbed En Route to St. Louis.

Carbondale, Ill., Oct. 3.—Julius Loesser, who had just disposed of a mercantile establishment at Paducah, Ky., was held up and robbed of \$2,100 about 2 o'clock Friday morning in this city. In company with a man who gave him the name as George Hanson, Loesser rode on the train from Cairo to this city. Loesser was en route to St. Louis. At this city they started for a luncheon, when Loesser was given knockout drops and robbed.

Was Tired of Life.

Olney, Ill., Oct. 4.—James Douglas, a young man who came here from Lawrence county, committed suicide by shooting himself in the breast at the home of his parents. In a note to his mother, he gave as his reason that he was tired of life.

To Succeed Charles H. Cramp.

Philadelphia, Oct. 3.—Henry S. Grove, of this city, will succeed Charles H. Cramp as president of the Wm. Cramp & Sons' Ship & Engine Building Co., and Mr. Cramp will become chairman of the board of directors.

RATES FOR WORLD'S FAIR

Cheap Fares Will, Railroad Men Say,
Depend Upon Conditions.

Passengers Agents Demand Protec-
tion Against Scalpers' Traffic
in Excursion Tickets.

St. Louis, Oct. 3.—Important among the subjects considered by the passenger officials of the St. Louis lines at their meeting, which has just closed, was that of protecting World's fair excursion tickets from the operations of "scalpers." The attendance at the fair will admittedly be largely influenced by the final adjustment of this matter, since the railroads insist that they can not make low rates unless they are given proper protection. With such protection a half-rate or one even lower is expected.

At the meeting of the passenger agents a committee was appointed to devise means of protection and report October 25. The committee is composed of L. W. Wakely, general passenger and ticket agent of the Burlington; C. S. Crane, general passenger and ticket agent of the Wabash; and A. H. Hanson, general passenger agent of the Illinois Central.

The chief problem is to find a means of preventing the manipulation by "scalpers" of the return coupons of low-rate excursion tickets, such manipulation, it is said, inflicting a heavy loss on the railroads every year. The loss would be particularly heavy, it is said, during the World's fair, with low rates in force from all points.

Passenger officials say the manipulation of these return coupons amounts to forgery. In their efforts to stop it they began prosecutions under the laws of Missouri for forgery. The cases they made were thrown out of the courts on the ground that the Missouri statute covering the crime of forgery did not specify forgery of railroad transportation as an offense, whereas it mentions forgery of checks, bonds and such papers.

PUBLIC DEBT STATEMENT.

The Monthly Statement of the Pub-
lic Debt Shows a Decrease of
Over Six Millions.

Washington, Oct. 3.—The monthly statement of the public debt shows that at the close of business September 30, 1903, the debt, less cash in the treasury, amounted to \$917,752,545, which is a decrease for the month of \$6,171,812.

The debt is recapitulated as follows: Interest-bearing debt, \$912,539,440. Debt on which interest has ceased since maturity, \$1,197,050.

Debt bearing no interest, \$393,433,239. Totals, \$1,307,169,729.

This amount, however, does not include \$902,700,869 in certificates and treasury notes outstanding, which are offset by an equal amount of cash held for their redemption.

The cash in the treasury is classified as follows:

Gold reserve, \$150,000,000; trust funds, \$902,700,869; general fund, \$169,133,208; in national banks, depositories, \$161,778,285; in treasury of Philippine islands to credit of the United States disbursing officers, \$3,609,368. Total, \$1,387,221,829. Against which there are demand liabilities outstanding amounting to \$997,304,645, which leaves a cash balance on hand of \$389,417,184.

IT CREATED A SENSATION.

Two Men Drawn as Jurors at Bloom-
ington, Ill., Arrested For So-
liciting Bribe Money.

Bloomington, Ill., Oct. 3.—A sensation was created here, Friday, by the arrest, at noon, of two jurymen who had been hearing the evidence in an important civil suit for \$6,000 damages growing out of Chicago board of trade transactions. Oscar Green sued John Tjardes, a grain broker of Saybrook, for the sum stated, claiming that his sons had lost the amount on the Chicago board of trade dealing with the Saybrook firm, and Thursday night Wm. O'Neill, of Bloomington, and W. A. Booth, of Glen Avon, who were drawn on the jury, are alleged to have approached the lawyers for the defense, soliciting bribe money.

Friday morning the lawyers notified Judge C. D. Myers, and after a rigid examination of the two men, he directed their arrest, and both were placed in jail. The offense is punishable by penitentiary.

ILLINOIS STATE FAIR CLOSES.

The Total Receipts and Attendance
Far Greater Than That of Any
Former Fair in the State.

Springfield, Ill., Oct. 5.—The Illinois state fair closed Saturday night. The total receipts for the week were \$52,000, exceeding the receipts of 1901, the next best year, by over \$13,000. The attendance was greater on every day than on the corresponding day of former fairs. This has been a demonstration of unexampled progress and prosperity in Illinois.

Saturday was "pay day" at the fair, and prize winners presented their warrants and received their prizes. At noon there was a grand parade of prize-winning stock of all descriptions in the coliseum. Few exhibits in this country could excel it in size and quality. Gov. and Mrs. Yates rode to the grounds on horseback Saturday morning and received the public at the governor's headquarters, where he shook hands with hundreds. Senator Shelby M. Cullom was also on the grounds.

Oklahoma Cotton Crop.

Guthrie, Okla., Oct. 5.—The estimate is made that this year's cotton crop in Oklahoma and Indian Territory will amount to 623,756 bales, an estimate placed on the reports made by the various railroad companies traversing this section.

FINES AND PENALTIES.

Imposed on Citizens, Patriots
and Others in Circuit
Court.

SOME CONSIGNED TO THE PEN.

Circuit Court has been grinding at Madisonville last week and this with the proverbial fineness but not too slow. The grist thus far is made up of fines large and small and penalties of short terms in the penitentiary, and is as follows:

Gus Gibbons, assault and battery, \$5.

Andy Carpenter, assault and battery, \$25.

McNary Hays, colored, two years in penitentiary for housebreaking.

James Ashby, cutting in sudden heat and passion, \$50.

Henry Cox, gaming, \$20.

T. L. Slaton, stabbing C. J. Samples, \$300.

Charles Wolf, flourishing deadly weapon, \$50.

Joseph McKeynolds, breach of peace, \$10; carrying concealed deadly weapons, \$25 fine and ten days in jail.

C. A. Clyde, breach of peace, \$5.

A. J. Sinner, immoral conduct, \$20.

John Waddlington, Sunday liquor selling, \$10.

Pete Carter, breach of peace, \$5.

Dave and Bee Nance, Cran De Moss, and Basley Howell, breach of peace, each \$5.

Ben Ramsey, assault and battery, \$5.

Pat Carniss, selling liquor without license, \$20.

F. De Moss, breach of peace, \$5.

Marion Allen, trespass, \$50.

Chas. Caldwell and Ed Moore, each colored, housebreaking, two years each in penitentiary.

L. & N. CLERKS AT LOUISVILLE MAY STRIKE.

Trouble Between Men and Company
Over Joining the Union.

A strike among employes at the Louisville & Nashville freight depot at Ninth and Broadway is imminent and will probably go into effect the latter part of this week says the Post. About thirty of the clerks in the freight department are directly connected with the dispute with the management of the road but it is said that a number of others are in sympathy with the movement and may go out at the same time.

If the strike comes it may have a serious effect on local traffic. This is one of the busiest seasons of the year and all the clerks in the freight depot are working overtime on the shipments. If they walk out the road will be seriously hampered for a time at least.

Trouble About Union.

The dispute between the management of the road and the freight clerks does not relate to either wages or hours of work, entirely to the propriety of the clerks joining the International Clerks' Union. Several weeks ago an organizer of this union came to the city and about thirty of the clerks joined. Others did not join at first but expressed a sympathy with the union and indicated their intention of joining at a later date.

The matter came to the attention of the management of the road the first of last week. The right of the employees to join a union was admitted, but the advisability of the clerical force being united with a labor organization was doubted. After several conferences of the higher officials of the road, it was announced that the management of the road was unalterably opposed to the clerks affiliating with this union and the resignation of every man connected with the union was expected.

Those Who Refuse to be Discharged.

Suitable time has been granted the clerks to withdraw from the union, but all that have not done so by the end of the present week will be discharged.

None of the clerks has as yet withdrawn from the union, but all have the matter under advisement. It is believed that the majority will refuse to give up their union membership, under the claim that the management of the road has no right to interfere in such matters. In case the men are discharged or the strike is ordered, an effort will be made to enlist the assistance of the unions recognized by the road, such as the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and others.

COLORED NEWS.

Earlington Department.

Rev. J. E. Tate preached at the C. M. E. church Wednesday night to a good congregation.

The U. B. F. of Earlington attended the funeral of Rev. J. H. Laury, of Madisonville, Thursday. Several attended who were not of the order, as Father Laury was so well known and very highly respected throughout the state for his Christian character and sound Gospel preaching.

Rev. Whitesides, of Madisonville, preached for Rev. H. H. Gordon Thursday night.

The election of trustee for the common school of Earlington resulted in the election of Ike Edmondson. Every person seemed to be interested in the election. It is said that Mr. Edmondson polled a larger vote than anyone for years.

Rev. Dr. Luckett preached Rev. J. H. Laury's funeral Friday.

Rev. C. C. Marks preached the installation sermon Sunday night of pastor and officers of A. M. E. Zion church to a good congregation. Rev. Marks is an excellent Gospel preacher. He endeared himself in the hearts of those who heard him.

Revs. Gordon and B. Garrett, of Hopkinsville, exchanged pulpits Sunday night. Each one seemed to be delighted with the pastorate of one night.

Rev. E. H. Edmondson, pastor of Zion church at St. Charles, is the guest of Pastor J. H. Gough.

Rev. C. C. Marks, of the Mortons Gap circuit, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Childers.

Mrs. Wm. Walker is some better. Mrs. Epps is on the mend.

Mrs. Ellen Hays and daughter, Myrtle, are on the sick list, but both are improving.

Rev. B. Garrett stuck to his text Sunday in preaching the Wise Men's sermon.

Joe and Edmond Holland attended the Owensboro colored fair Saturday.

Rev. H. H. Amos and Mrs. Lula Ingram are on the sick list.

Jonas Craig has an excellent memory.

The celebration of officers and pastor of Zion church Monday night was grand. The speakers were Revs. C. C. Marks, C. H. Warders, Mr. W. M. Killebrew, Rev. E. H. Edmondson, and Miss May Phelps read an excellent paper.

Rev. C. H. Warders is the guest of Rev. J. H. Gough.

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Mortons Gap.

The annual meeting of the Hopkins county colored teachers association met at Mortons Gap Friday, Oct. 9, 9:30 o'clock.

Invocation—Rev. Martin.

Welcome address—Carrie Johnson.

Response—Ray Martin.

Music.

Annual address by County Supt. Miss Sallie R. Brown.

Primary reading—Miss Ida Sharber and Mrs. H. Obrient.

The use of objects in reading—Miss Golden Winstead.

Spelling, how best taught—Miss Ada Wilson.

Music.

Noon—adjournment until 1:30 p. m.

Music.

Mental arithmetic—Prof. Cargill.

Percentage, work illustrated—W. D. Jennings and Dr. Harrison.

Grammar, best method of teaching—Prof. T. H. Moore.

Pure English, what is it?—Miss L. E. Gatewood.

Music.

Nature study—(a) Mrs. Ora. Buckner; (b) How to use stories from nature, Mrs. Dr. Harrison; (c) How plants grow, Mrs. Lena Johnson; (d) How to use flowers, Miss Emma Stockdale; (e) School yard, Miss Francis Scott.

Music.

The teacher, his scholarship, his training—J. W. Brough.

Social qualities, morals—Mrs. Cornelia S. Steele.

Teachers' Reading Circle—County Supt. Miss S. R. Brown.

EVERING SESSION.

Opening exercises 7:30 o'clock.

Welcome address—Rev. Fowler.

Response—T. H. Moore.

Music.

Recitation—Miss Mable Jackson.

Paper—Miss Bessie Coleman.

Vocal solo—Mrs. Mitchell.

Selection—Miss Minnie Littlepage.

Reading—Miss Sadie Thompson.

Vocal Solo—Robt. Hall.

Address, The coming negro, E. W. Diggs.

Vocal solo—Rev. Mrs. Hendrix.

Every teacher is expected to attend the full session, of the association. (note school law.)

Committee on program:

Miss Mable Jackson,

Mrs. Cornelia S. Steele.

Madisonville Registration.

The registration in Madisonville
shows the following:

	Rep.	Dem.	Ind.
Mill	169	66	19
Kitchen	58	125	27
Courthouse	60	103	19
Elk	135	77	15
Totals	422	371	80

The majority of Republicans over Democrats in the above registration is 51. The few members of the Madisonville military company, now at Camp Young, who are voters, will make some change in this lead when they return home. The 80 independents are of course an indeterminate quantity. The Republicans are claiming the majority of the independent but only the election can tell the whole story.

Registration at Princeton.

Princeton, Ky., Oct. 6.—The registration passed off quietly. Both sides worked hard to get out their votes. The Republicans have a majority of eighty, the largest ever registered by Republicans in this city. There were twenty-five independent votes registered.

Owensboro Registration.

Owensboro, Ky., Oct. 6.—The result of the registration today leaves the politicians guessing as to what the result of the election will be. The totals show 1,524 Democrats, 1,363 Republicans, 209 non-committal, thirty-six independents and twelve prohibitionists. The Republican gain over last year is 343, and that of the Democrats, ninety-nine.

Judge Pratt's Speaking Dates.

Judge C. J. Pratt is announced to speak at the following places: Carrsville, Livingston county, October 12; Salem, Livingston county, Oct. 13; Hampton, Livingston county, Oct. 13 (night); Smithland, Livingston county, Oct. 14; Iuka, Livingston county, Oct. 15.

Grant-Griggs.

Mr. E. G. Grant and Miss Minnie Griggs, of this city, were united in matrimony at the residence of the brides parents at three o'clock Wednesday afternoon. Magistrate Sisk performed the ceremony in a very impressive manner. The young couple left on 51 for a short visit to Crofton. They have many friends here who wish them joy and happiness in their future life.

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